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SUBJECT: SECOND SOUTHBOUND CONVOY TO BEGIN OCTOBER 15, 1976

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1. DEPARTURE TIMES OF CONVOYS GIVEN PARA 2 REFTEL ARE CORRECT.

2. AS NOW PLANNED, FIRST SOUTHBOUND CONVOY (0200 PORT SAID DEPARTURE) WILL SAIL DIRECTLY TO BITTER LAKES WHERE IT WILL PASS NORTHBOUND CONVOY. SECOND SOUTHBOUND CONVOY WILL SAIL TO BALLAH BY-PASS, 50 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PORT SAID, WHERE IT WILL LAY OVER UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 2100 LOCAL, WHEN LAST NORTHBOUND VESSEL CLEARS BALLAH.

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3. AS ANTICIPATED, SECOND CONVOY WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ABOUT
15 VESSELS OF 10,000 GROSS TONS OR LESS, WITH DRAFT AND
BEAM NOT TO EXCEED 29 AND 98 FEET RESPECTIVELY.

4. SEVERAL SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY (SCA) AND SHIPPING AGENCY
OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT WISDOM OF STARTING
SECOND CONVOY AND EXPECT THAT CONFUSION WILL REIGN FOR
SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER INAUGURATION. TWO SOUTHBOUND CONVOYS
WILL REQUIRE PRECISE AND SOPHISTICATED SCHEDULING PROBABLY
BEYOND ABILITY OF SCA.

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